

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXHIBIT OF THE ARTS, INDUSTRIES AND RESOURCES OF THE STATE OF IOWA, AT THE LOUISIANA PURCHASE EXPOSITION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS, IN THE STATE OF MISSOURI.

WHEREAS, Congress has passed a bill providing for an international exhibition, to be known as the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, to be held at the city of St. Louis in the state of Missouri, during the year 1903; and

WHEREAS, It is desirable that the arts, industries and resources of the state of Iowa shall be creditably represented in such exposition, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. That the governor of the state of Iowa be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to appoint an exposition commission to be known as the "Louisiana Purchase Exposition Commission." Such commission shall consist of thirteen members, to be selected one from each congressional district in the state and two from the state-at-large, not more than eight of whom shall be of the same political party, and such commission shall have full power to devise and execute plans for the state exhibit and representation herein contemplated, and to take charge of the same, and disburse the appropriation made therefor. It may appoint such officers and employ such persons as in its judgment necessary for the carrying out of the purposes of this act, including the right to delegate to an executive committee of its own number, consisting of not more than five persons, the duty and power to execute all or any plans that may be devised or ordered by such commission. It shall elect a treasurer who shall be custodian of the moneys herein appropriated, and whose duties shall be defined by it. Before entering upon the duties of such position such treasurer shall furnish a bond, with sureties subject to the approval of the executive council and running to the state of Iowa in a penal sum equal to the amount herein appropriated. Such commission shall be appointed on or before the first day of May, 1902. Any vacancy occurring in said commission shall be filled

17 by the governor of Iowa by the choice of some citizen residing in the congressional district
18 wherein such vacancy occurs, or if the vacancy be one of the commissioners-at-large, by the
19 selection of some person from the state-at-large.

20 The members of the commission herein created shall receive no compensation for their
21 services, but they shall be paid out of the money herein appropriated all their expenses incurred
22 while engaged in the work of the commission.

Sec. 2. The sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000), or so much thereof
2 as may be needed by such commission for the purpose of making an exhibit and representation
3 by the state of Iowa, provided for in section one hereof, is hereby appropriated out of any
4 money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, and warrants therefor shall be issued on
5 the order of the president and secretary of said commission by the auditor of state on the
6 treasurer of state from time to time, but no such warrant shall be issued until said commis-
7 sion through its duly chosen officers shall certify to the auditor of state that the same is actu-
8 ally necessary for disbursement, and not more than one-half of said appropriation shall be
9 drawn prior to the 30th day of June, 1903. All payments of money must be upon vouchers
10 duly executed under conditions to be fixed by said commission, and no claims shall be paid by
11 such commission except such as have been duly presented to the commission or to the secre-
12 tary thereof, and audited and allowed. At the close of its services the commission shall make
13 to the governor a statement of all its doings which shall include a showing of all exhibits made
14 by the state of Iowa, or the citizens thereof, and the awards made on such exhibits, and such
15 other matter as the said commissioners deem valuable to the people of the state of Iowa,
16 together with a list of all disbursements, with complete vouchers therefor.

Sec. 3. If the exposition shall not be held during the year 1903, then not more than one-
2 half of the appropriation herein made shall be drawn prior to the 30th day of June of the year
3 in which said exposition is held.

Sec. 4. If said commission shall out of the appropriation herein made erect a building on
2 the exposition grounds for the use of the state of Iowa at said exposition, they shall build
3 same out of such material and in such manner as that the frame work and all other portions
4 practicable can be taken down and used in rebuilding said building, and shall after the close
5 of such exposition, if the same can be done without actual loss, take down said building and
6 remove it to the grounds of the Iowa State Agricultural Society at Des Moines, Iowa, and
7 rebuild it on said grounds, so far as it can be rebuilt with the materials preserved, and pay the
8 expenses of said rebuilding out of the moneys herein appropriated.

Sec. 5. This act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall take effect and be in
2 force from and after its publication in the Iowa State Register and the Des Moines Leader,
3 papers published at Des Moines, Iowa.